

Claims

1. A terminal, comprising:
remote-switching means for transferring telephony services,
5 wherein the remote-switching means allows the transference of telephony signals
from a first wiring system of a first telephony provider to a second wiring system of a
second telephony provider

2. The terminal of claim 1, wherein the remote-switching means allows the
10 transference of wiring to provide local number portability (LNP).

3. The terminal of claim 1, wherein the remote-switching means is responsive to a
command signal transmitted by the second telephony provider.

4. The terminal of claim 1, the remote-switching means comprising:
control software for receiving a command signal from the second telephony
provider and for providing a command message; and
at least one switch connected between the first and the second wiring systems, the
at least one switch responsive to the command message.
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5. The terminal of claim 1, wherein the terminal includes an identifiable address, and
wherein the second telephony provider transmits a command signal to the terminal using
the identifiable address.

6. The terminal of claim 1, further comprising:
a central processing unit (CPU), comprising:
a management information base for storing a terminal address; and
control software for receiving a command signal from the second
telephony provider and for providing a command message indicating the transference of
30 signals.

7. The terminal of claim 1, further comprising at least one subscriber line interface
controller for receiving and providing the telephony signals to a telephony device.

8. The terminal of claim 1, wherein the second wiring system is a coaxial cable system.